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E.O. 12356: DECL: BADE TAGS: PRUM: SOCI: PCOV: CE SMBJECT: PASTOR SAYS SECSTATE VISIT TO CHURCH MAY GIVE CHRISTIANS LEVERAGE VITE PRO GOVERNMENT

SURPLARY: PASTOR KAN OF THE MELLING CURISTIAN CHURCE SAID NOY. 19 THAT, DESPITE THE OVERWHELMING CHINESE SECONITY PRESENCE AT THE CHURCH SUNDAY, NOV. 17 WHICH HAD CAUSED DIFFICULTIES FOR SOME

PARISHIOMERS, ME MAS PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SECSTATE VISIT. HE ALSO INDICATED TRAT ME SAY THE VISIT AS HELPFUL IN HIS EFFORTS TO CARRY ON VITH BIS WORK IN CHINA. BOTING THAT SUCH A BICK LEVEL VISIT SHOWS EVERYONE IN THE COVERNMENT TRAT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS FRIENDS IN BIGH PLACES. END SWIMMEY.

VISIT MELPFUL TO BIS YORK

- ON NOV. 15, POLOFF BELIVERED THE CIFT AND THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO PASTOR KAN OF THE METUTING CHRISTIAN CHURCH - NE SAID THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SECSTATE VISIT. PASTOR KAN SAID BE THOUGHT THAT IN HIS FUTURE BEALINGS WITH THE PRO COVERNMENT, HE COULD POINT TO THE VISIT OF RECRETARY BAKER AS EVIDENCE TRAT IF THE PRC WISHED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS WHERE WHICH THE CERISTIAN COURCHES OPERATE WOULD BE MOTICED AND APPRECIATED IN VASHINGTON.
- 4. REW. EAN ALSO INDICATED THAT HE SAW THE VISIT AS MEEPFUL IN HIS EFFORTS TO CARRY ON WITH HIS WORK IN CREEKA, INCTERME THAT SUCH A RECR LEVEL WISH SHOWS EVERYORE IN THE GOVERNMENT THAT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH BAS FRIENDS IN MICH PLACES. TO REINFORCE THIS, PASTOR KAR SAID THAT HE PLANKED TO FRAME THE THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY AND DISPLAY IT PROBLEMENT IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. HE WAS ALSO WERY

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8. COMMENT: MIELE THE SECSTATE VISIT CENERATED

TEMPORARY DIFFICULTIES FOR SOME PARISEIONERS, PASTOR KAN SEEMED TO VIEW SECRETARY BAKER'S PRESENCE AS A WALUABLE GIFT WHICH WOULD ONLY REDOUND TO HIS MENEFIT. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION THERE WITH FORMAL AND INFORMAL CONTACTS. END COMMENT.

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